

16 August 1974

Mr. Peter J. Kahn

Dear Mr. Kahn:

Thank you for your very kind invitation to speak at the Duke Law Forum. I accept with pleasure. With respect to dates, I believe my schedule indicates that something in November would be most suitable. Perhaps I could ask my Assistant, Mr. Angus Thuermer, to work this out with you.

As for the arrangements, I believe that arrival in time for dinner would be most convenient from my point of view, skipping the press conference. I would also hope to return to Washington that evening, and I will probably have transportation of my own.

Sincerely,

7s/ W. E. Colby

W. E. Colby
Director

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NOTE FOR THE DIRECTOR

FROM: Ed Proctor

This concerns the invitation you received to speak at the Duke Law Forum (attached). You asked that I draft a reply saying you could not accept for yourself but would offer a substitute.

There are some arguments against taking this course:

- This is a very prestigious group and it would be inappropriate to offer a substitute.
- The invitation provides you with a real opportunity to make some points with the public on our posture with respect to protection of intelligence information-- proposed legislation, Marchetti, and all that. You might also talk about your role in providing policy makers with the information and assessments they need to do their jobs.
- The invitation is wide open as to timing. It would be difficult to say you can't make any kind of commitment. To say that you don't speak to out-of-town groups would be countered by your past appearances.

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As I see it, you have two courses of action:

- a. Say you will accept the invitation and make the most of it, or
- b. Turn it down with a polite letter giving no explanation or substitute.

My recommendation is that you take Option a. The Legislative Counsel and the General Counsel concur in this view.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The DDI

Ed,

I hope that this draft letter for the DCI doesn't reflect too clearly my lack of enthusiasm for his proposed refusal to speak. In fact, I think this could be a good forum for him, even though it is in the Fourth Circuit where the Marchetti case was fought. I know he doesn't want to become regular guest speaker all over the country, but his announced attitude toward openness should square with a program of at least semi-public appearances. A forum like this should be a high quality opportunity.

I don't think they will take any substitute we can offer. He could avoid the press part by saying "no press". Furthermore, they have offered him a total of 80 possible days to appear, too large a number to protest scheduled problems.

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Mr. Peter J. Kahn



Dear Mr. Kahn:

I was flattered to receive your very kind invitation to speak before the Duke Law Forum later this year. As you may know, it has been the policy of past Directors of Central Intelligence to avoid becoming "public figures" in the same sense that other members of the government are able to do so. This is due in large part to the fact that the nature of the position prevents the kind of unrestrained discussion which makes your forum and others most interesting.

I am sorry that I must refuse your offer. While I feel rather strongly that the place of intelligence in our society should be more widely understood, I believe that the best way to achieve this end is not to offer you a speaker whose position requires him to proscribe many areas of discussion. Our analysts and operating officials do participate in the meetings of many professional societies, and they write books and articles for scholarly journals. For now, this approach to greater openness seems to suit us best. Perhaps when we have more experience with our changing attitudes we will be able to respond more positively to a request such as yours.

Sincerely,

W. E. COLBY

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MEMORANDUM FOR: *Mr. Proctor*

Mr. Colby has been invited to address the Duke Law Forum but probably can't make it. He wants us to draft a reply stating this, adding that he might send a substitute (preferably a Duke graduate).

Personally, I don't feel the Forum would want to substitute, unless he were General Walters. Note that past speakers were Rehnquist, Ken Rush, and Sam Ervin.

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Gay to call to sound out about a substitute

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